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Applicant: R.A. Vaughan et al. Attorney Docket No.: EXIN117646  
Application No.: 09/932,441 Group Art Unit: 3621  
Filed: August 17, 2001 Examiner: F. Backer  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING INVENTORY

DECLARATION OF JEFFREY T. BRINKER UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.131

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June 18, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Jeffrey T. Brinker declares that:

1. This declaration is to establish completion of the invention in this application in the United States on a date prior to April 16, 2001.

2. I am one of the joint inventors of the invention described in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/932,441, filed August 17, 2001, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING INVENTORY."

3. My co-inventors and I conceived and reduced to practice in this country the invention as described and claimed in the above-identified patent application prior to April 16, 2001. In support thereof, the following materials are attached.

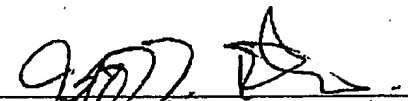
A detailed data model corresponding to the invention, which was created by the inventors prior to April 16, 2001. The detailed data model is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. The detailed data model defines database schema that defines a tiered inventory management system, recited in all of the claims of the present invention, and identified in the data model by at least the SKU Group and the SKU

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Inventory fields. One skilled in the relevant art will appreciate that the present invention was embodied in Exhibit 1.

4. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further these statements are made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.

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**Use subject areas for Development.**

## Notes

1. Organize model by subject area. A subject area should fit on one 8.5 X 11 paper.

1. Organizational chart
2. Guidelines:

a. Clean, concise names that fit into a larger context than just this data model.

b. Definitions for entities and attributes

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Then choose a new word carefully.

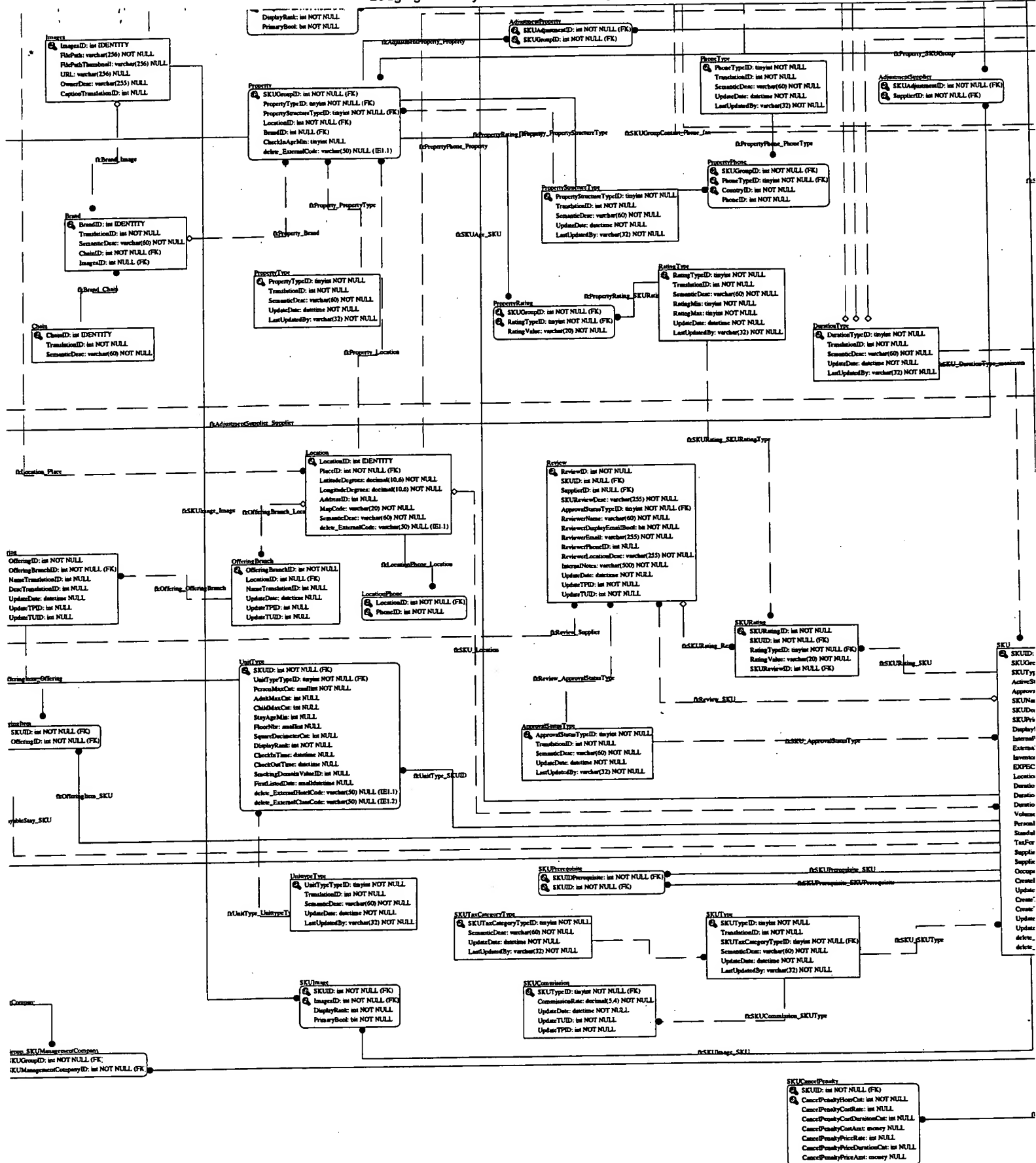
d. Physical name for relationships:  $\text{fit} \subset \text{C}$

3. Table pre/post scripts. Nice to remember to add them but only useful with a utility that splits a single file into separate files.

4. Use DDTs for creation of new columns and changes to existing ones in logical model



## LodgingInventory -- Main / &lt;Main Subject Area&gt;



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